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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/087,016 : Examiner: Van Kim T. Nguyen

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

PROVIDING ADAPTIVE CONTROL OF TRANSMIT POWER AND DATA

RATE IN AN AD-HOC

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, please consider the following. Since the Patent Office was closed Thursday, September 18, 2003 through Sunday, September 21, 2003, no extension fees are due.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-24 remain pending.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 7-9, 12, 19-21 and 24 include allowable subject matter. However, claims 1-6, 10, 11, 13-18, 22 and 23 are rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,108,561 to Mallinckrodt et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,219,343 to Honkasalo et al. This rejection is respectfully